Staff shortage in CGHS Dispensary, North Avenue

563. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the time North Avenue CGHS Dispensary has been without any chemist attached to it since December, 2004 and the beneficiaries were asked to purchase medicines from market;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of bills of pensioners for reimbursement pending since February, 2005, alongwith the details, month-wise; and

(d) the reasons for such long delay and by when these bill will be paid to the pensioners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) For the period commencing December, 2004, no CGHS Authorised Local Chemist was attached to the CGHS Dispensary, North Avenue during:-

(i) 17.2.2005 to 15.3.2005.
(ii) 16.6.2005 to 10.7.2005.

(b) The reasons cited by the CGHS authorised local chemist for stoppage of supply of medcines were:-

(i) Delayed payment of bills.
(ii) Introduction of Value Added Tax, etc.

(c) The information is given at Statement *(See* below).

(d) The payment of bills having an amount of Rs. 500/- and above is directly credited to the Bank Account of the CGHS pensioner cardholders by the Pay and Accounts Office, Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi. All the bills received by the CGHS up to 25.7.2005 from the pensioner cardholders of the CGHS dispensary North Avenue, have been sent to the Pay and Accounts Office, CGHS for making payment.

Statement

Details of medical claims bills for pensioners in CGHS dispensary North Avenue

Date	Total No. of Bills	Amount In Rupees	Remarks
14-2-05	5	7913.00	Bill cleared and sent to PAO for payment.
4-4-05	88	134118.00	-do-
29-4-05	22	5997.00	-do-
3-5-05	26	22130.00	-do-
25-5-05	45	56971.00	-do-
11-6-05	54	94646.00	-do-
29-6-05	33	60426.00	-do-
11-7-05	34	44476.00	-do-

Free treatment to poor patients

564. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to arrange for free heart and cardiac operations for poor people all over the country;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme to provide free cardiac care to the people living below poverty line;

(c) which are the hospitals where people can get such treatment;

(d) what steps are proposed to plan schemes so that cardiac treatment becomes free all over the country; and

(e) the time table for implementation of such a policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) Health is a State subject and the State Government is already providing comprehensive health care to the people, including the poor. Such health interventions also include treatment of cardiac ailments. However, to reduce the burden of the poor on costlier interventions, the Government